

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Spinal cord injury resulting in some degree of paralysis is one of the most devastating disabilities occurring today and is commonly caused by vehicle accidents, falls, diving injuries, and gunshot wounds; and,

WHEREAS, Spinal cord injuries affect hundreds of thousands of Americans, the majority of whom are young males between the ages of 15 and 30; and,

WHEREAS, Many spinal cord injuries are avoidable, substantiating the need to maintain and further develop spinal cord injury prevention/education programs; and,

WHEREAS, The cost of care for treating spinal cord injury is increasing at a phenomenal rate; and,

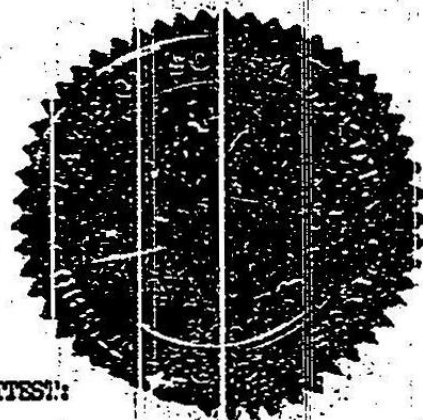
WHEREAS, The months of May, June and July are the peak periods for spinal cord injuries; and,

WHEREAS, May has been designated by McKennan Hospital's Rehabilitative Services as a month of concern for informing the public of the dangers and consequences of spinal cord injuries, how to avoid spinal cord injuries, and what to do if on the scene when such injuries occur:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May, 1988, as

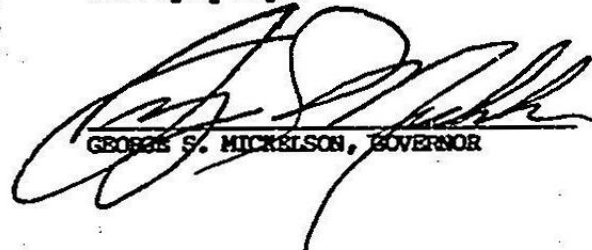
SPINAL CORD INJURY PREVENTION MONTH

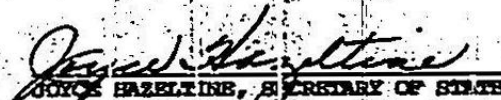
in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to be aware of the dangers and consequences of spinal cord injuries.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR


JOYCE HAZELTON, SECRETARY OF STATE